

Rural Development, Integration Funding, Consultation on Holy Island and more

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**Dear all,
Please find below some updates and announcements we have been asked to circulate to our members:**

€500,000 national fund for community integration activities- Deadline 30th March

Firstly there is up to €5,000 in funding available to community groups who are working to integrate people from new communities in their activities. These groups can be migrant led or existing groups who are making efforts to reach out to new communities. The deadline is this Thursday 30th March though so don't delay on this one.

<http://www.integration.ie/website/omi/omiwebv6.nsf/page/Communities-Integration-Fund-en>

Public Consultation Events on proposed new County Library for Clare:

Members of the public and stakeholder groups interested in the proposed new County Library for County Clare are being asked for

their input at one of seven public consultation events being held later this month.

The public consultation events are aimed at gathering information on the design and use of the new facility which will be developed at the site of the existing glór facility on The Causeway Link providing a new county library and art gallery for Clare to replace the existing public library on Harmony Row.

All details including dates and times of each consultation event are at [this link](http://www.clarecoco.ie/recreation-culture/news/public-consultation-on-proposed-county-library-for-clare.html)

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Consultation on the Draft Visitor and Sustainable Tourism Development Plan for Holy Island/Inis Cealtra:

A copy of the Draft Inis Cealtra (Holy Island) Visitor Management and Sustainable Tourism Development Plan, the Natura Impact Report, the SEA Environmental Report and the Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) may be inspected during normal working hours from Friday 24th March 2017 to Friday 21st April 2017 at the following locations:

- Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis
- De Valera Library and Local Studies Centre, Harmony Row, Ennis
- Public libraries at Scarriff, Killaloe and Tulla
- Killaloe Municipal District Area Office, Scarriff

Alternatively they can be downloaded below:

- [Draft Inis Cealtra Visitor Management and Sustainable Tourism Development Plan](#)

Written submissions and observations may be made to:

Planning Department, Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare between Friday 24th March 2017 and Friday 21st April 2017.

Alternatively, submissions or observations may also be emailed to forwardplan@clarecoco.ie (maximum document size by e-mail: 4MB).

The closing date for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on Friday 21st April 2017.

<http://www.clarecoco.ie/planning/news/notice-of-public-consultation-on-the-draft-inis-cealtra-holy-island-visitor-management-and-sustainable-tourism-development-plan-.html>

Seed and Garden Share

Clare Garden Festival

Festival date: Sunday, 30th April

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Seed & Garden Share

Entry donation 'Give-when-you-get' policy Share, Barter, Donate

Share your Seed & Seedlings



Barter your Garden Books



Trade your Garden Tools

Sunday 02nd April, 2-5pm

Ennis Showgrounds, Drumbiggle Road, Ennis, Co Clare

*All donations will go to
Irish Seed Savers.*



www.facebook.com/claregardenfestival
www.claregardenfestival.com

SEED & GARDEN SHARE Sunday, 02nd April from 2-5pm Ennis Showgrounds, upstairs canteen

At the Seed & Garden Share, gardeners are invited to bring saved or leftover vegetable, flower, and herb seed packets to share and swap with other gardeners. Also other gardening items like tools or even books are welcome to be shared. It is advisable to bring additional bags or envelopes for sharing. No money will be changing hands, but donations to Irish Seed Savers are requested, who will be present on the day also. Beginner gardeners are invited to participate even without seeds.

**Reminder of opportunity to make submissions to
the Draft Rural Development Strategy - Deadline
Friday March 31st March.**

The current policy arena is emerging with a very clear direction that the development and revitalisation of rural Ireland is a key priority. A clear Strategy is required to respond to the needs of rural areas in Clare. Addressing this challenge points towards the requirement for a collective response.

Clare County Council is facilitating the coming together of key stakeholders through the establishment of a Clare Rural Development Forum. The Forum will prepare a Clare Rural Development Strategy. In addition, there is an opportunity for the public to input to the Strategy, as detailed below. This Strategy is aimed at enhancing the quality of life as well as the social and economic well-being of rural areas in the County.

Recently the Government launched its programme to aid the development and revitalisation of rural Ireland. The 'Action Plan for Rural Development - Realising our Rural Potential' sets out a number of actions to be implemented up to 2020. The Clare Rural Development Strategy will consider the opportunities in the national Action Plan for Clare.

The Action Plan for Rural Development – Realising our Rural Potential is available at <http://www.ahrrga.gov.ie>

Written submissions and observations are now invited for the

Clare Rural Development Strategy and may be made to the Rural Development Directorate, Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on or before 4.00pm on Friday, 31st March 2017. Submissions can be made by e-mail to crutherford@clarecoco.ie

Central Statistics Office- Notice for PPN members

Staff from the Central Statistics Office have asked that PPN members would be circulated with the following information note. They were concerned that in rural areas people may have security concerns that lead them to be suspicious of door to door callers and so wanted to reassure people that the CSO do in fact have people working in this way:

Did you know that interviewers from the Central Statistics Office conduct surveys in 3,000 households across the country every week of the year?

The Irish Central Statistics Office (CSO) conducts a number of Household Surveys. Such surveys gather information on the economic and social situation of households in Ireland. The Household surveys include: *The Census, The Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC), The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS), The Household Budget Survey (HBS) and Planning Permissions.* Central and local government, businesses, community organisations and many others rely on this information to help them make decisions that affect the lives of everyone living and working in the Ireland.

Taking part in a survey
Household surveys are conducted to collect valuable decision making information for the country. The information that householders provide is a vital tool in planning for the present and future needs of Ireland. It enables the CSO to measure our country's progress, on important social and economic issues, such as employment, poverty, childcare, health and crime. The CSO employs Field Officers in the collection of Household Survey Statistics. All CSO interviewers carry an ID card with a photo. In the case of some surveys, the interviewer will use a tablet computer to record your answers.

If you have been asked to take part in one of our surveys, we will:

- identify ourselves as from the CSO whenever we contact you, displaying our logo on all letters and leaflets and on our interviewers' photo ID cards.
- when interviewing you in your home or by telephone, arrange a time convenient to you.
- try to make the experience of taking part in a survey as straightforward and as worthwhile as possible.
- only ask as many people to take part as necessary for the accuracy of our statistics.
- be honest with you about your participation being voluntary and give you a realistic idea of how long the survey may take.
- remember that you have kindly taken the time to speak to us - in your home, on the phone or in a port or airport - and respect your privacy.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality is a priority for the CSO and all information given to the interviewer is encrypted, transmitted securely and is used for statistical purposes only. Results are published in aggregate

format only, and it is impossible for individuals or households to be identified. This confidentiality is guaranteed by law under the Statistics Act, 1993.

Further information
If you would like more information on CSO household surveys you can contact information@csso.ie / eolas@csso.ie www.csso.ie

That's all from us for now, please remember to give us plenty of notice if you would like something circulated to Clare PPN's members,

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